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NEWSLETTER

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

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FOR THE SECOND YEAR MONTANA WAS ACCLAIMED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK program by receiving HONORABLE MENTION at the American Library Association conference in Detroit. This was the second time Grolier, Inc., offered \$1000.00 "to stimulate and reward maximum use of the national effort to advance state-wide and local library development." Everyone can be very proud that our observances were judged worthy of this high recognition for we were in competition with all the other fifty states. Oregon won the top award with Oklahoma runner-up. Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Tennessee also received Honorable Mention.

SIX MONTANANS ATTENDED THE STIMULATING NATIONAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. The theme was "Libraries for a Great Society" and featured the presentation of a national inventory of library needs, the results of a year long nationwide survey of libraries of all types. Future issues of MONTANA LIBRARIES will carry reports of meetings which were especially pertinent to Montana.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT- Enclosed is an attractive bookmark quoting a portion of the Montana Civil Rights Act of 1965. Public Libraries in Montana have always given service to individuals without regard to race, creed, or color and we are sure that they will continue to do so.

FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS have been received and will be considered by the State Library Commission at its August 6th meeting in Helena. Four lucky winners will be eligible for \$5000.00 during fiscal 1966 to attend an accredited graduate library school of their choice.

THE BOOKMOBILE FOR THE BIG SKY FEDERATION started service July 5th and Clarence Christofferson, Bookmobile Librarian, reports brisk business in every spot he has visited. The libraries in the federation will soon receive new furniture and equipment plus a basic collection of up-to-date reference material as part of the benefits of participating in the demonstration of good library service.

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AND STORY HOURS are going great guns with several libraries featuring a space theme. Belt Public Library has an aero-space reading program and a space certificate will be awarded to the child who reads 18 books; Great Falls Public Library has a reading expedition to the moon with participant's progress marked on a map; Cut Bank is using the reading roundup motif; other libraries with special children's programs are: Cascade, Chester, Columbus, Culbertson, Glendive, Hardin, Harlem, Helena, Livingston, Manhattan, Poplar, Richey, Sidney and Townsend.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: As of July 1, 1965, Lesley Heathcote's title became Director of Libraries for Montana State University in Bozeman; Mrs. James Fitzpatrick is the new librarian at the Potomac Branch of the Missoula County Free Library; and Mr. Alve Thomas formerly Superintendent of Schools at Sheridan and Chairman of the State Library Audio-Visual Committee, became Superintendent of Schools in Red Lodge.

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MONTANIANA: the Montana edition of a summary of land acquisition by federal, state and local governments up to 1964 is available as a gift from the Montana Forest Industries Committee in Bonner, Montana. Ask for Government land acquisition by the American Forest Products Industries, Inc. The Northern School Supply of Great Falls has copies of Mrs. Edith Bridgewater Fox's 1951 edition of Wimble folk and rimble seed available. Mrs. Fox is the librarian at Polson and her book was previously out-of-print. Love and three squares a day in Montana by Alma P. Donald may be purchased from the Exposition Press for \$4.50. Dorothy Johnson's new juvenile is called Some went west, Dodd, \$3.50. Signa - the untalented one by Ethel M. Read is priced at \$3.95 from the Carlton Press, Inc., 84 - 5th Ave., New York. It is the story of a young school teacher who came to Montana to teach in a one-room school, and its author is a former student of Senator Mansfield. Legislator-author, Margaret Schorf, has written a juvenile with Montana as its locale, Mystery of the shaky staircase, Watt, \$2.63. Families with young people who are planning western tours will want to buy the Lewis and Clark trail by Calvin Tomkins, Harper, \$4.95. The text tells the familiar tales but it will entice the curious to seek out the original journals. 60 Miles of photo history - the upper Yellowstone by Bill Whithorn has been published by the Park County News for \$1.00 each. The photographs show the history of this area and this may be ordered from Mrs. Doris Whithorn, Pray, Montana. You may obtain six copies for \$5.00.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Conference, Denver, Colorado, September 1-4, 1965

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK, October 31-November 6, 1965. This year's theme is "Sing Out For Books!" Request your 1965 Order Form for materials from: The Children's Book Council, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, 10010

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, April 17-23, 1966

MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Conference, Missoula, May 13-14, 1966

